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Abstract

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Research Summary

The Marine Physical Laboratory (MPL) has been involved in providing engineering support and data analysis for several NRaD ICESHELF sea tests. These sea tests have involved the testing of various slack line array subsystems including both hydrophone and engineering sensors, telemetry nodes, and deployment options for the array cable.

Under this delivery order, MPL provided NRaD engineering support for ICESHELF'95. Included was the mechanical design, fabrication, and testing of hardware needed for the safe deployment of telemetry node and array hardware during the sea test. MPL personnel also participated in the ICESHELF'95 sea test which was conducted 5-27 April 1995.

In addition to engineering support for ICESHELF'95, MPL provided analysis of selected segments of engineering sensor and hydrophone data

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collected by the 20-element, 600 m, vertical line array during ICESHELF'94. One component of this effort was analysis of the acoustic array element localization (AEL) data. Three high-frequency, AEL receivers distributed along the vertical array received pings from four controller/transponders deployed in opposing pairs ~450 m horizontally from the array and ~20 m below the ice-water interface. The results from this analysis are contained in [1]. The other component of this effort was analysis of selected segments of engineering sensor and hydrophone data collected by the vertical array. Of specific interest was a basic assessment of data quality (e.g. investigating the presence of system self-noise, channel-to-channel cross-talk, and time-varying channel gains). The results from this analysis are contained in [2].

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